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Containing the freſheſt Advices, Foreign and Domeſtick.

From Friday, December 9, to Friday, December 16, 1737.

Mr. *Parks*,

London, October 12, 1737.

As ſoon as the following comes to Hand, pleaſe to publiſh it in your GAZETTE.

I am your humble Servant,

JOHN TENNENT.

THE Succeſs which has attended the *Rattle-Snake Root* in a *Pleuriſy*, evidently ſhews, that all thoſe who thought indifferently of it, when propoſed, in that and ſuch Diſeaſes, had their Underſtanding lull'd aſleep, or were elſe in a natural Lethargy, by which their Conception of Matters was very obſcure, otherwiſe they muſt needs have ſeen more clearly in ſo plain a Caſe: And thoſe who vehemently oppoſed it, are certainly to be ſuſpected of very great Ignorance; ſince Matters of Fact, which are inconteſtable Evidence, cry aloud againſt them.

To all the ſilly, ridiculous Objections that were raiſed againſt me, I could have anſwered, *The Rattle Snake Root cures the Pleuriſy*: But to let the World be more fully undeceived, I propoſed to diſcuſs the Point fairly, *Gazette* N° 31, and accordingly, there I ſtated the Argument, from whence I drew my Conſequences. Not ſooner than in Three Months was an Anſwer made; and as it was ſo long about, ſomething extraordinary was certainly to be expected; but inſtead of that, nothing is contained in it, ſave only ill Manners, Arrogance, and arbitrary Aſſertions: And what is moſt worthy of Remark, is, that tho' the Gentleman or Gentlemen aſſum'd a Right of uſing arbitrary Aſſertions to ſupport the Argument; yet ſo marvellous is his or their Ignorance, that no other Aſſertions could be choſen, than ſuch as ſerved to prove what was deny'd: This will appear very plainly to any Perſon who underſtands the Subject, that will conſider the Argument.

But now, ſince it is plainly proved by Experience, that the *Rattle-Snake Root* cures the *Pleuriſy*, I ſuppoſe the next Objection againſt it, is, that it can cure nothing elſe. If this is objected, I ſay that is like all other Objections, nothing in it; which is moſt like themſelves. This *Root* is certainly one of the beſt Medicines in the World, and adapted to moſt Diſeaſes which *Virginia* is ſubject to, *viz.* Agues, intermitting Fevers, Jaundice, Dropſy, *&c.* As I am now writing on theſe Diſeaſes, the Book will be publiſhed in *Virginia*, in a ſhort Time. In the mean while, I refer for the Cure of the *Pleuriſy*, of what Nature ſoever, to my *Eſſay* on that Diſeaſe, and the *Gazette* N° 31. I think it proper however, to give this further Advice: That in Caſe the *Root* ſhould purge the Patient ſo much as to affect the Strength, and if the Method already preſcribed in that Caſe ſhould fail, I recommend Ten Grains of *prepared Hartſhorn*, and as much *Powder of Cinnamon*; and this Doſe to be repeated every Hour, 'til the Symptons abate; obſerving alſo *Bleeding*, as has already been adviſed. I believe, that a Caſe which will not give way to the Preſcription in *Gazette* N° 31, will very ſeldom happen; yet as ſuch may poſſibly, it is therefore requiſite to preſcribe therein: For no Time is loſt in the Service of the Publick, in a Thing ſo valuable as Health.

Homines ad Deos in nulla re proprius accedunt
Quam ſalutem hominibus dando.

Cicero de Natura Deorum.

From the London Evening-Poſt, *October* 1.

Yeſterday arrived a Mail from Holland.

Petersburg, Sept. 17. The Court, at the Requeſt of the Veldt-Marſhal Count Munich, has given Orders for preparing a Million Seven Hundred Thouſand great Beams to be ſent to Oczakow, not only to repair that Town, but to erect ſeveral new Buildings there; and as the Court deſigns to make conſiderable Magazines there for ſerving next Campaign, in Caſe the War continues, Orders are likewiſe iſſued for ſending thither a prodigious Quantity of Proviſions of all Sorts. Vice-Admiral Sinewin is to ſet out To-morrow or next Day, with 29 Sea Officers, and 800 Seamen, for Oczakow, whither the Ruſſian Flotilla has receiv'd Orders to Winter. We have receiv'd Advice, that the Seraskier and other Turks taken Priſoners at Oczakow, are arrived in the Ukrain, and that the Aga of the Janiſſaries, who was incognito at Oczakow, was killed in the Defence of that Place, which the Court ſeems reſolv'd not to part with any more than Aſoph; and the Preſervation of it ſeems the leſs difficult, ſince a Detachment of our Troops has taken Kimburn, a ſmall Diſtance from it. The Court order'd the Plenipotentiaries at Nimirow to let the Turks know, that the Empreſs will grant the Porte no longer Time than the latter End of October, for accepting Peace upon the Conditions already propos'd. In the mean Time, a Reſolution is taken to raiſe 40,000 Men, for augmenting the Army under Count Munich, which it is propos'd to do by taking One out of every 125 Subjects in the Empire, including even the Clergy, whom it is thought, ought to fight as well as pray for the State that has ſo long maintained them; ſo that every Prieſt and Friar, under 30 Years of Age, muſt take the brown Musket, and after the War they may take up the Habit again, if they don't like better to continue Soldiers. The Perſian Ambaſſador here has notify'd to the Court, that his Maſter, the new Sophy Thamas Kouli-Kan, having ſubdued all the Rebels on the Frontiers of Tartary, march'd into the Province of Candahar, and had beſieged the Capital of it, after defeating a great Body of Rebels that oppos'd his Paſſage: The ſame Ambaſſador adds, that the Great Mogul had ſent a ſolemn Embaſſy to Kouli-Kan, to acknowledge him Sophi of Perſia. The laſt Letters from the Veldt-Marſhal Count Lacy ſay, that he was advantageouſly poſted on the Banks of the River Molatziwodi, which falls into the Muddy Sea, where he intended to ſtay ſome Time longer, to bridle the Tartars, above 10,000 of whom he brought with him Priſoners out of the Crim.

From the Whitehall Evening-Poſt, *October* 4.

Yeſterday arrived the Mails from France *and* Holland.

They write from Conſtantinople, that thro' the Porte's inſinuating to Thamas Kouli-Kan, the Danger that the Ottoman Empire would be in, and conſequently all the other Princes and States in Aſia, from the Junction of Ruſſia and the Emperor; and what weighed ſtill more with him than the moſt powerful Suggeſtions, was, an Offer made by the Porte to yield up to him two or three neighbouring Provinces more than had been granted by the laſt Treaty; by theſe Means he has been induced to ſend an Ambaſſador to the Porte, who, ſince his Arrival, has had frequent Conferences with the Kaimacan. It's reported, that the Perſian Prince will ſupply the Porte with 160,000 Men.

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From Vienna, that Count Munich is in March with the Army under Command, towards the joining of the Bog with the Denieper, in order to embark for Beſarabia, upon the Black-Sea, in order to make a powerful Diverſion in Favour of the Emperor.

From Venice, That the Navigation of the Republick is much impeded by the Turkiſh Veſſels, ſince the breaking out of the War between the Emperor and the Porte: That Complaints have been made to the Turkiſh Governors on the Adriatick, but without obtaining any Satisfaction. Advice is arrived from Dalmatia, that the publick Courier of the Baile of Venice at Conſtantinople, has been attacked on the Road by unknown Turks, and aſſaſſinated, and all his Diſpatches carried off. The Porte is ſuſpected of having done this, in order to keep the Affairs of the Ottoman Empire ſecret; ſince which it has been reſolved the Couriers of the Republick ſhall change their Rout. Theſe Circumſtances may propably provoke the State to declare War againſt the Turks.

From Madrid, That the King of Spain has laid an Indulto of 16 per Cent. upon the Goods and Merchandizes brought by the Arrival of the laſt Flota; and that the ſaid Indulto, together with what was brought Home on his Catholick Majeſty's Account, amount to upwards of Twenty Millions of Livers.

From Genoa, That the Senate has received a Courier from Paris, upon which it has been given out, that all Things are ready for tranſporting a Body of French Troops into the Iſland of Corſica, conſiſting of 5000 Men; and that the Republick will, in Conſideration thereof, pay a Sum of Money to the Court of France.

From the London Evening-Poſt, *October 6.*

The taking Oczakow by the Arms of Ruſſia being the moſt remarkable Exploit of the preſent Campaign, the following Letter from the Seraskier, who commanded in the Place, and the other Priſoners in Count Munich's Army, to the Miniſters of the Porte, giving an Account of the whole Tranſactions, will not, perhaps, be unacceptable to our Readers.

'Tueſday the 11th of the Month *Evola*, the Muſcovite Troops arrived at Karcula, 2 Hours from Ogzakoff, and immediately fell upon one of our Parties. 'Wedneſday they took Poſſeſſion of all the Space about 'the Town, from the River Bog to the Sea, and the 'Fire of their Artillery and ſmall Arms continued the 'whole Day. Thurſday they penetrated to the Forts be'fore the Palliſadoes; and from that Day to Saturday 'they threw an infinite Number of Bombs into the Town, 'which in the Night ſet Fire to the Houſes; at Break 'of Day the Fire ſeiſed another Quarter of the Town, 'ſpread with inexpreſſible Fury without any Poſſibility 'of being extinguiſhed. In this Criſis the Muſcovites 'began the Aſſault without; the Combat was briſk and 'obſtinate, our faithful Muſſulmans fighting with great 'Bravery; Multitudes periſh'd every Moment: At length 'the Flames within reach'd three Magazines of Powder, 'which by an Effect of Providence blew up into the Air, 'and deſtroy'd many Thouſands of Perſons.

'Myſelf, your Servant, was bury'd under the Earth 'for an Hour, and at length drawn out with great Diffi'culty. In this Extremity, it being impoſſible to bear 'the Town, much leſs defend it, by reaſon of the Vio'lence of the Fire, the whole Garriſon agreed to capi'tulate. We ſent a Meſſenger to the Muſcovite General, 'to let him know our Reſolution; but his Anſwer came 'too late, for in the Midſt of this Confuſion the Muſco'vites broke into the Town with irreſiſtible Fury. The 'Garriſon began to fly towards the Sea; but Part periſh'ed in the Flames, and the reſt in the Water, very few 'eſcaped; as to myſelf, your Slave, who in this dread'ful Calamity did not know whether I was alive or 'dead, I fell into the Hands of General Rumanzoff. 'To conclude, the ſublime Porte can only determine, 'whether it is convenient to put an End to this deſtruc'tive War, to deliver me and the other Priſoners from Bon'dage, and reſtore Tranquility to the whole Empire.'

The following Letter is tranſmitted to us from Ruſſia.

Aſſimet Gira, Sultan of the Budziack Tartars, Baſha Iagia, Seraskier of Ogzakoff.

'Health, perfect and without End, to my moſt exalt'ed, moſt honourable, and moſt beloved Brother Iagia 'Baſha.

'As to the Fatality thou haſt undergone, the Cauſe 'of it is to be ſought for in the Will of the Almighty, 'to which we ought to ſubmit with an unſhaken Con'ſtancy, ſince the Alcoran aſſures us, that thoſe that ſuf'fer for God's Sake go directly to Paradiſe. Give up 'thy ſelf to the Direction of the Eternal; he will deli'ver thee. I ſincerely wiſh it, and to him I addreſs my 'humble Vows accordingly.

'Thou haſt writ to me, that we ought to fight for 'our Country and thy Deliverance; I anſwer, the Tar'tars here are of Two different Sentiments. The Turks 'have made me Seraskier; the Tartars who obey me, 'ſay we have neither Cannon nor Muskets; how ſhall 'we march to the Succour of another, who are unprovi'ded of every Thing ourſelves? The Kan of Crimea has 'appointed another Seraskier, and Part of our Troops 'are following him into Crimea. Thus divided, they 'little regarded what became of Ogzakoff; in the mean 'Time the Infidels incloſed the Town on every Side, 'which was a ſenſible Blow to all the Faithful, and to 'us in particular; but under ſuch Circumſtances it was 'not in our Power to ſuccour thee. May the great God 'preſerve thee, and his Prophet aſſiſt thee; this is all the 'Conſolation I can give thee; but I repeat it, place all thy 'Confidence in God, and believe firmly that this Fatali'ty is the Conſequence of his immutable Predeſtination.

'The Derviſe Immentzemoy, * poor Man, aſſures thee 'of his Remembrance of thee; he prays conſtantly for 'thee, and exalts thy Name. The Bearer of this Letter, 'if he lives, and is permitted to ſee thee, will tell thee 'more by Word of Mouth.'

* *A Turkiſh Monk.*

The following is the Anſwer of the Seraskier, who is Priſoner in the Ruſſian Camp.

To the Potent, moſt Renowned, and Incomparable Sultan Aſſimet, our great Friend and Brother, Greeting: May God keep us all in perfect Health, and preſerve us from Sorrow and Vexation.

'It is now ſome Time ſince we ſent an Account, not 'only to the ſublime Porte, but to the Celebrated and 'Exalted Seraskier of Bender, of the great Misfortune 'which befel us; and we caus'd our Letters to be deli'vered to the moſt Noble and moſt Fortunate Count de 'Munich, Chief General of the Muſcovite Troops, that 'he might ſend them to the Emperor's Embaſſador, as 'directed: Whether they are come to Hand, is what as 'yet I know not?

'In that ineſtimable Letter which thou didſt lately 'write to me, and which was deliver'd to me by the 'Muſcovite General, I took Notice of the wiſe and ſalu'tary Exhortations which thou gaveſt me. Upon this 'Article I declare to thee, that there is no Happineſs nor 'Proſperity which I don't wiſh to the ſublime Porte. 'May Heaven hear my Prayers!

'As for my own Part, I reſign my ſelf as thou advi'ſeſt me, in all Things, to the adorable Will of God. 'I will not mention the Circumſtances of our Misfortune, 'becauſe I believe thou muſt have been therewith ac'quainted, by ſuch of our People as had the good For'tune to eſcape in their little Boats. The Bombs that 'pour'd into the Town as faſt as a Shower of Rain, blew 'up the Magazines of Powder; the Gates of the City 'were conſumed by Fire, and all the Houſes reduced to 'Aſhes, becauſe it was impoſſible to extinguiſh or ſtop 'the Flames. Several Thouſand Men of our Troops loſt 'their Lives, but the reſt are with me in the Muſcovite 'Army; and I have near my Perſon ſome of my Retinue, 'who have eſcaped Death. The other Muſſulmen are 'diſperſed in ſmall Companies into different Places. 'Muſtapha Paſha is ſtill alive, and here as well as I.

'For the reſt, we all deſire thee to employ all thy In'tereſt, to procure to the ſublime Porte a ſafe and ho-

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' rouble Peace, to the End that we may ſoon recover ' our Liberty. The Muſcovites allow Waggons to the ' wounded and old Soldiers, and the reſt have a certain ' Portion of Biſcuit per Day, ſo that they do well enough. ' I moſt heartily greet the Incomparable Mahmut Paſcha, ' and all that remember me, and deſire they would think ' of me particularly in their Prayers. In fine, I intreat ' thee, if it be poſſible, to acquaint the ſublime Porte of ' the Condition I am in, and to give Notice of it alſo to ' my well-beloved Son Seid Beck.'

By a private Letter from Amſterdam we learn, that the Conferences begun at Antwerp for forming a new Tarif, have been interrupted by the Difficulties that the Demands of the Imperial Commiſſaries have rais'd, ſome of which have a ſtrong Tendency to diminiſh the Subſidies given by the Emperor to the States-General, by Virtue of the Barrier Treaty, for the Maintenance of the Troops that their High Mightineſſes have in Garriſon in the Towns in Flanders. The Dutch Commiſſaries were not only ſurpriſed with theſe Demands, but likewiſe at the Haughtineſs of rejecting as invalid the 115 Grievances repreſented by them, and at the Imperial Commiſſaries declaring, that his Imperial Majeſty in aboliſhing the Oſtend Company, intended one Day to make his Subjects of the Auſtrian Netherlands full Satisfaction for the Loſs they ſuſtained in the Suppreſſion of that Eſtabliſhment; and nothing could be more natural than that he ſhould procure them this Satisfaction by a new Tarif. The Commiſſaries of England and Holland have proviſionally demanded, that an exact Liſt of the Merchandizes which come in and go out of the Auſtrian Low Countries may be delivered them, with a Specification of the Cuſtoms deſign'd to be exacted by a new Tarif. It's foreſeen that theſe Cuſtoms will be greatly advanc'd; and upon the Refuſal of Great Britain and the States-General to acquieſce therein, the Commiſſaries of the Emperor will propoſe this alternative, either to agree to the Stipulation of theſe new Cuſtoms, or to permit the Oſtend Company annually to ſend Ships to the Eaſt-Indies. In order to prevent the Inconvencies that might happen from the latter Part of this Propoſition, the Dutch Commiſſaries have Orders from the Eaſt-India Company eſtabliſhed in Holland, to purchaſe the Factories of the Oſtend Company, which the Emperor has undoubtedly order'd to be ſold. Theſe Factories can be of no great Advantage to the Dutch: But what moſt powerfully engages them to make this Purchaſe is, to hinder the Danes or Swedes from buying them, which would tend highly to the Prejudice of their own Eaſt-India Company. Upon this Occaſion it's natural to call to Mind the large Sum of Money that was paid heretofore to the King of Pruſſia, for a Fort which belonged to him, call'd Arquin, upon the Coaſt of Africa, and that with no other View than to prevent the Navigation and Commerce of other Nations from extending itſelf.

London, Sept. 29. The laſt Letters from the Havanna mention, that a Guarda Coſta belonging to that Place, but then on a Cruiſe, had ſent in an Engliſh Ship called the Prince William, Capt. Kingſlow, bound from St. Chriſtopher's to London, taken in the Latitude of Bermuda; her Loading was chiefly Sugars, but had ſome Braziletta Wood, which laſt is the Reaſon of her being ſent in there; although 'tis known that that Wood grows in the Iſland of Providence, from whence it actually came.

Laſt Week died of an Aſthma, at Boloign in France, (whether he had lately retired for his Health,) Mr. Nathaniel Miſt, Printer, very well known for the Weekly Papers publiſhed under his Name; a Perſon very juſtly eſteemed for his generous and benevolent Temper, by all who had any Acquaintance with him.

The Prince of Wales has ordered Norfolk-Houſe, and that adjoining in St. Jame's-Square, to be got ready againſt the 17th Day of November next, the 19th being the Anniverſary of her Royal Highneſs's Birth-Day, which is to be kept there.

About 28 Perſons, who had Warrants for their Employments in the Service of their Royal Highneſſes the Prince and Princeſs of Wales, as Tradeſmen, Artificers, Purveyors, Livery-Servants, &c. have been diſcharged.

This Morning their Royal Highneſſes the Prince and Princeſs of Wales went to view Cliſden Houſe in Buckinghamſhire, and to give ſome neceſſary Orders in relation to the furniſhing and fitting it up.

Yeſterday his Majeſty was pleaſed to appoint James Oglethorpe, Eſq; to be Colonel of a new-rais'd Regiment to be employ'd in the Plantations; as alſo to appoint James Cockran, Eſq; to be Lieutenant-Colonel, and William Cooke, Eſq; to be Major of the ſaid Regiment.

London, October 4. They write from Lisbon of the ſafe Arrival there of the Hope, Capt. Spafforn, from Philadelphia; and the John, Capt. Jefferies, from Newfoundland.

On Friday laſt was the Grand Meeting of the Colledge of Phyſicians in Warwick-Lane, to chuſe Officers for the Year enſuing, when Dr. Thomas Pellet was again choſen Preſident, this being the Third Time that worthy Gentleman has had the Honour conferred upon him by that learned Body; at the ſame Time Dr. Horſeman, Dr. Leatherland, and Dr. Comarque, were admitted Fellows. Dr. Coates, Dr. Hutton, and Dr. Bedford, Candidates. Dr. Wharton was re-choſen Treaſurer; Dr. Martel Regiſter, in the Room of Dr. Tyſon. The Four Cenſors, are Dr. Tyſon, Dr. Bourchier, Dr. Wharton, and Dr. Martel.

We hear from Waterford, in Ireland, that they have lately diſcovered, within Half a Mile of that City, a Copper Mine, near the Surface of the Earth. And alſo a Lead Mine in that Neighbourhood, which produced a large Quantity of Silver.

On Sunday the Rev. Mr. Whitfield, who is much followed, and whoſe Preaching is ſo deſervedly approved of, preached at Six in the Morning at Cornhill, at Eleven in the Tower, at Three in the Afternoon in Old Fiſh-ſtreet, and at Five in the Evening at St. Clement's-Danes, when every Church was ſo crowded, that Numbers were obliged to withdraw for want of Room.

The Cleopatra, Capt. Mark Johnſon, belonging to New-York, was lately loſt on her Voyage from the ſaid Port to Jamaica; all the Crew were ſaved by taking to their Boat, except Mr. Moor, late of Gray's-Inn-Lane, Victualler, who, by endeavouring to ſave ſome Things of Value, fell over-board and was drowned.

His Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales has been pleaſed to appoint Sir William Irby, Bart. Chamberlain to her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs, and Member of Parliament for Launceſton in Cornwall, to be Houſe-keeper at Kew, Carlton-Houſe, and Norfolk-Houſe, in St. Jame's-Square.

His Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales's Houſhold being put under a new Regulation, the ſame commenced on Saturday laſt, being the Firſt Day of the Month.

We hear the Right Hon. the Earl of Warwick, and Holland, is to ſucceed the late Earl of Lieſter, as Conſtable of the Tower of London.

It was Yeſterday ſtrongly reported upon the Royal Exchange, that ſome Dutch Men of War have taken Six Spaniſh Ships in the Weſt-Indies, by Way of Repriſals for the Depredations theſe laſt have committed on the trading Subjects of the United Netherlands. *If our Men of War were to do the ſame, it would be happy for the Nation, and be a Protection to our Trade.*

Octob. 8. His Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales pays 7000 Pounds per Annum for his Tables, and other Houſhold Proviſions, Two Perſons having undertaken to furniſh all Neceſſaries at that Rate; and the ſaid Undertakers are to be ſuperviſed by Arthur-Henry Herbert, Eſq; and Mr. Douglas, alternately.

We hear that the Right Hon. the Lord Harrington, one of his Majeſty's principal Secretaries of State, has been twice with Lord Baltimore, firſt Gentleman of the Bed-chamber to his Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales, ſince Sunday laſt.

Laſt Thurſday his Grace the Duke of Grafton came to St. James's, and gave Orders for the Apartments to be got ready for the Reception of the Royal Family, who comes to Town the 29th of this Month.

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Two Sons of the Right Hon. the Lord Grimſtone, of Gorhambury, in the County of Hertford, *have reſign'd* their Places in his Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales's Service.

Thurſday laſt being the Anniverſary of the Birth Day of the Right Hon. Henry Lord Viſcount St. John, of Battertea, who then entered into the 86th Year of his Age, (being born October 6, 1652,) his Lordſhip entertained ſeveral Perſons of Quality and Diſtinction, at his Houſe in Albemarle ſtreet: His Lordſhip's Siſter, the Hon. Mrs. Cholmondeley, Widow and Relict of Seymour Cholmondeley, Eſq; late of the County of Cheſter, is now in the 88th Year of her Age, and in good Health, and his Lordſhip's eldeſt Son, Henry Lord Viſcount Bolingbroke, is in the 63d Year of his Age, and at preſent in the South of France.

On Thurſday Night laſt, Three young Lions were brought forth at the Tower, which were whelp'd by one that has been there ſeveral Years, and was brought from Africa.

On Thurſday his Excellency the Ambaſſador from the Emperor of Morocco, had his firſt Audience of his Majeſty, being introduced by his Grace the Duke of Newcaſtle, one of his Majeſty's principal Secretaries of State, and was conducted by Sir Clement Cotterel, Knt. Maſter of the Ceremonies, and attended by his Majeſty's Interpreter of the Oriental Languages, Mr. Mazabequi.

Six Companies of the Right Hon. the Earl of Rothes's Regiment of Foot are ordered to be ſent from Gibraltar to Georgia. The Regiment is to be recruited, and put upon the Iriſh Eſtabliſhment.

By a private Letter from Holland, *we have the following Account.*

They write from London, that notwithſtanding the mild Anſwer that the King of Great-Britain made to the Memorial preſented by Sir Thomas Geraldino, Miniſter from Spain, demanding the Reſtitution of Georgia to that Crown; yet it's *believ'd* and *hop'd* by the Subjects of Great-Britain, that his Britannick Majeſty will not part with a ſingle Inch of the Land he is in Poſſeſſion of, either in Georgia or Carolina, theſe Colonies being of too great Importance to be given up without any Conſideration; tho' the Court of Madrid flatters itſelf that this Demand will be comply'd with, in order to engage it to grant a Schedule for the South-Sea Company's annual Ship.

Williamsburg, December 16. On *Wedneſday* ended the Court of *Oyer* and *Terminer*, when Two Perſons received Sentence of Death, *viz. Andrew Thompſon*, of *Weſtmoreland*, for breaking open the Dwelling houſe of Mr. *Benedict Middleton*, and ſtealing ſome wearing Apparel, and a Piece of Linen, Value 5 l. and *Robert Hancock*, of *Norfolk*, for breaking open the Store-houſe of Mr. *Samuel Smith*, Merchant, and ſtealing from thence about Twelve Pounds Current Money.

The following Letter, juſt come to Hand, cannot, I think, be better explained, than by publiſhing it as it was wrote.

Iſle of Wight County, *Dec.* 12.

SOmething very myſterious happened here lately, and thus it was:

On *Thurſday* laſt, Two Men, mounted upon Bay Horſes, (one appearing like a Gentleman, and the other as his Servant, carrying a large Bundle before him) came to *Warwickſqueak Bay* Warehouſe, and without ſpeaking to any Body, rode a little Diſtance from the ſaid Warehouſe, and then alighted, tied their Horſes, and went down to the River Side. Mr. *James Ranſome*, the Inſpector here, going on board a Sloop about an Hour after that, ſaw them walking about on the Sands near to my Landing, but ſpoke not to them: After he came aſhore he found they were gone, but preſently overtook them going along the Road to *Surry*, as he was, and again paſſed them without ſpeaking. That ſame Night, a Negro of mine going to feed my Hogs, found a large new Spade, which they had been digging with, and a new hilling Hoe by it, laid cloſe by the Hog-Pen. Next Day, Mr. *Baker*, Mr. *Ranſome*, and I, went and tracked their Footing, both upon the River Sands and up the adjacent Banks, and diſcovered ſeveral Places where they had been digging and thruſting Weir-Sticks a good Depth into the Earth. The ſame Night, *viz. Thurſday* Night, (as I am inform'd,) they came to *Hog-Iſland*, and went over the Ferry with great Precipitation. If you think proper to promulge this Narrative your own Way, 'tis well; but if not, pleaſe to advertiſe the Spade and Hoe, and where to be found, and you will oblige Sir,

Your moſt humble Servant,

JOHN GEMMILL.

N. B. He who appeared like the Gentleman, had on a light-colour'd riding Coat, with the Cape muffled almoſt over his Face, and is a vaſt large Man.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

December, 16, 1737.

THE Ship Induſtry, John Brown, *Maſter, now lying at* Bull-Hill, *in* James *River, will ſail ſhortly for* Cadiz, *and is to call at* Madeira *on her Return hither, for Wine on Freight, if ſufficient Encouragement is given. Any Gentlemen who have Occaſion of Freight from thence, are deſired to give or ſend their Orders to Capt.* John Hutchings, *of* Norfolk, *the Owner of the ſaid Ship, or to the Maſter aforeſaid, and they ſhall be punctually obſerved.*

December 16, 1737.

RAN away from the Subſcriber, in King William *County, the* 10th *of this Inſtant* December, *at Night, Two white Servant Men; One of which is a Black-Smith, of a low Stature, about* 20 *Years of Age, black Hair about Two Inches long. He had on, when he went away, a Serge Coat, a Penniſton Waſtecoat, with Braſs Buttons, and a Pair of dark Leather Breeches; he has black Eyes, and a ſtinking Breath. The other a Weaver, of a middle Stature, about the ſame Age, Pock-fretten in the Face, and a Scar on one or both of his Legs, near his Knee. He had on a grey Kerſey Coat, Waſtecoat, and Breeches: They had a looſe red Duffil Coat, and a grey cloſe Body'd Coat, with ſeveral other Cloaths. They rid a ſmall grey Mare, and a bay Horſe, the Horſe, on one Side of him, is very remarkable, having ſeveral white Spots, occaſioned by a Scald. Whoever apprehends the ſaid Runaways, ſo that their Miſtreſs may have them again, ſhall have Four Pounds Current Money Reward, paid by me*

Anne Aylett.

THE Brigantine John *and* Mary, Richard Tillidge, *Maſter, now lies at Mr.* Richard Littlepage's *Wharf, on* Pamunkey *River, ready to take in Tobacco on Freight at the uſual Rate, for* Briſtol. *It is intended ſhe ſhall ſail in* March. *Any Perſons inclinable to freight their Tobacco are deſired to give or ſend their Orders to Capt.* John Perrin, *of* Glouceſter, *or to Capt.* Tillidge, *aforeſaid, who will give conſtant Attendance at the adjacent Courts, for that Purpoſe.*

December 3, 1737.

STRAY'D or ſtolen from Major Benjamin Harriſon's *at Wakefield, a ſhort, ſtrong-made, white Horſe. He is a little Flea-bitten, and has One Wall Eye: His Brand is Three Dots on the near Buttock thus . . . and his hinder Hoofs are white. Whoever brings the ſaid Horſe to Major* Harriſon's, *ſhall have Ten Shillings Reward, from* Abraham Nicholas, *Junior.*

N. B. *He is ſuppos'd to be gone towards* Brunſwick, *having come laſt from thence.*

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